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Letter dated 19 October 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina expresses its strong objection to the publication and circulation as documents of the United Nations of any documents from the so-called "Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia" and signed by Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic as "Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of Yugoslavia".

In this context, I wish to recall Security Council resolution 777 (1992) of 19 September 1995, which stated, inter alia:

> "Considering that the State formerly known as the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has ceased to exist," ...
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> "Considers that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) cannot continue automatically the membership of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the United Nations, and therefore recommends to the General Assembly that it decide that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should apply for membership in the United Nations and that it shall not participate in the work of the General Assembly."

Subsequently, the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/1 of 22 September 1992, adopted the above-mentioned recommendation.

In the light of the above decision, the recent appointment of Mr. Jovanovic as "Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of Yugoslavia" is legally faulted, as he was appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of a country that is not a State

Member of the United Nations and thus he cannot be considered a representative to the United Nations of any "Yugoslavia". The former "Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" has ceased to exist and the so-called "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" has yet to apply for membership in the United Nations.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under item 8, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nedzib SACIRBEY
Chargé d'affaires a.i.